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In re the application of:

Allan AHO et al.

Serial Number: 09/446,630

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Filed: February 23, 2000

Examiner: P. Michl

For: NOVEL PLASTIC BASED COMPOSITE AND ITS USE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 9, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 14, 2001,
please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A composite intended for medical use, in particular surgical or therapeutic use, characterized in that it comprises a mixture of

- a thermoplastic component plasticizable within the temperature range -10'...+100'C, which is substantially made up of hydroxy acids and structural units derived from hydroxy acid derivatives, and the molar mass of which is within the range 30,000 - 1,000,000 g/mol, and which degrades in the body typically within a period

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